

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to express my very strong concern and opposition for the possible merger of DISH Network and Direct TV.

The merger of these two companies will effectively eliminate choice and a competitive market, especially for people who live in rural areas. I live in a very remote, rural area in California. We do not have cable TV, DSL, or any other modern conveniences like these, that are now commonly found in larger communities. Having two separate 'dish type' providers allows me to chose my provider. If I don•t like the service of one, and can switch to the other, as I have actually done. If DISH Network obtains Direct TV, I will have no choices, there will be no competitive market here, and if I am unsatisfied I will have only two choices a) get over it, b) don•t have TV reception.

I feel very frustrated when I have no choices in who I do business with. It•s bad enough that you can•t choose who your energy or local telephone provider is. Encourage and protect competition. Encourage and protect choice. Please do not take another choice from me. Deny the merger between DISH Network and Direct TV.

Sincerely,

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